



**The Honorable William “Bill” Edwards, Mayor**  
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**The Honorable Mark Baker, District 7 Councilmember**

### **WORK SESSION MINUTES**

- Ambulance Services/AMR (Director R. Keith Wages, Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma, and Terence Ramotar, AMR Regional Director)

**THIS MEETING WAS CANCELLED, FOLLOWING THE  
HURRICANE IRMA DAMAGES/CLOSURES (9/11-9/12).**



# **DIVIDER SHEET**



**The Honorable William “Bill” Edwards, Mayor (present)**  
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**The Honorable Mark Baker, District 7 Councilmember (present)**

**6:00pm**

**MILLAGE RATE & BUDGET HEARING – MINUTES**

**The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell at 6:00pm. Upon calling the roll, a quorum was present.**

- Millage Rate & Budget Presentation
- Public Hearing

**CFO Frank Milazi started by making a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed millage rate. Following his presentation, the following speakers offered public comment, with a question and brief answer segment:**

**1) Mr. Harold Reid**

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- 2) Mr. James Reese, Jr.**
- 3) Ms. Thersa Ealey-Hutchins**
- 4) Ms. Jewel Johnson**
- 5) Mr. Kenneth F. Joe, Sr.**
- 6) Ms. Diane Johnson**

**CFO Frank Milazi continued by making a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed FY2018 Budget. Following his presentation, the following speakers offered public comment:**

- 1) Mr. Kenneth F. Joe, Sr.**
- 2) Ms. Diane Johnson**
- 3) Ms. Glenda Collins**
- 4) Ms. Thersa Ealey-Hutchins**

**Following the public comment portion of the meeting, the Mayor entertained a motion to close the public hearings on the millage rate and the budget.**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell to close the Millage Rate and Budget hearings, and enter into a Closed Executive Session regarding Litigation and Personnel. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.**

**The hearings adjourned at 6:50pm.**

**IN OPEN SESSION:**

**At approximately 7:04pm, a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Baker to close the Executive Session. Hearing no objection, the motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0. No action was taken, as a result of holding the Executive Session.**



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### **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to Order

**The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edwards at 7:05pm.**  
**Following the roll call, all members were present.**

2. Invocation

**The Mayor asked everyone to observe a moment of silence.**

3. Pledge of Allegiance

**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.**

4. Approval of the Consent Agenda

- a. Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, August 22, 2017
- b. Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, August 30, 2017
- c. Proclamations



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- i. Proclamation recognizing Women's Equality Appreciation Day (**Edwards**)
- ii. Proclamation recognizing Zion Hill Baptist Church Appreciation Day (**Edwards**)

**A motion was made by Councilmember Gilyard and seconded by Councilmember Gumbs to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.**

5. Approval of the Regular Meeting Agenda

**A motion was made by Councilmember Gumbs and seconded by Councilmember Willis to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda, as amended (adding Councilmember Willis as sponsor of Ord2017-018). The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.**

6. Proclamations and Recognitions

- a. Proclamation recognizing Miller City Farm Appreciation Day. (**Gilyard**)

**PRESENTED**

- b. Proclamation recognizing Old National Merchants Association 5K Run/Walk for Community Unity Day. (**Jackson**)

**PRESENTED**

7. Public Comment

- a. Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each and public comment will not exceed 30 minutes. Speakers will not be allowed to yield or donate their time to other speakers.

**The following sixteen (16) citizens offered public comment:**

- **Mr. David Rector, concerning City emblem/symbols.**
- **Mr. Roger Davis, concerning contingency plans for disaster preparedness, incompetence, and moving-up the transition schedule with respect to the County.**

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- **Ms. Jewel Johnson**, concerning dissention between Mayor and Council, Council's role to make policy and the Mayor's role to lead.
- **Mr. Harold Reid**, concerning the role of the City Council, making politics local and to the benefit of all our citizens.
- **Mr. Kalvin Bennett**, concerning Council doing the right thing, Council aides being vetoed, watchdogs being horrible for the City, Burdett Park and the IGA.
- **Mr. Bruce Moody**, concerning Council doing things together, death of Stanley Fletcher and City ordinances inherited by Fulton County.
- **Mr. Harry King**, concerning his offer of congratulations and thank you's to Council, a suggestion of a retreat (Calloway Gardens), his interest in neighborhood watch/crime, and community advocates.
- **Ms. Damita Chatman**, concerning her interest to encourage the City Council, acknowledging how everyone is watching us, concern regarding closed-door discussions from Executive Session being discussed openly in the public, and categorizing the type of City we are.
- **Ms. Sandra Rodgers**, concerning a lack of results and a lack of support from the City, trains blocking areas of the City, crime, gun shots, jails, prioritizing the Budget for public safety, and the need for rezoning of Royal South Parkway.
- **Ms. Teiola Porch**, concerning staff salary cuts and supporting employees.
- **Mr. Kenneth F. Joe, Sr.**, concerning Councilmember Gumbs doing a good job, a communication/mailing to every household from the Mayor's office needs to be sent out, negativity and airing dirty laundry will have consequences, and Fulton County employees' interests do not come before the interests of the City of South Fulton residents.



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- **Mr. James Reese, Jr.**, concerning his disappointments with things right now, budget numbers appear very conservative, interest for everyone working together, and getting prepared for bigger things like economic development opportunities.
- **Ms. Kimberly Hayes**, concerning her disgust of what was seen on the news and how the information got there, encouraging the City Council to take the high road because of how it could affect businesses.
- **Mr. Clinton Mel Keyton**, concerning cuts to police and fire, and interest of Council comprising for the whole in order to move forward.
- **Ms. Pat Smith**, concerning the need to move forward on infrastructure, gridlock and contingency plans for emergency exits.
- **Mr. Wayne Hines**, concerning his thanks to Council for their concern of employees and not balancing the budget on their backs.

8. Business

a. Ordinances

- i. **[SECOND READING]** Ordinance to Create Title 7 of the City of South Fulton Code of Ordinances, Municipal Courts, to establish Municipal Courts of the City and for other Related Purposes. **(Ord2017-017)**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Gilyard to establish an effective date of November 1, as recommended by legal counsel, with a friendly amendment by Councilmember Gilyard that the hiring authority be given to the Municipal Court Judge as previously voted upon during the FIRST READING. The friendly amendments to the Ordinance were accepted. Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and Councilmembers Gumbs, Willis, **Gilyard** and Jackson voted yea. Councilmembers ~~Gilyard~~, khalid and Baker voted no. Therefore, the motion passed, ~~4-3-0~~ **5-2-0**.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Willis to adopt/approve Ord2017-017 to establish the Municipal Court, as amended. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

- ii. **[SECOND READING]** Ordinance to Create Title 8 of the City of South Fulton Code of Ordinances, Traffic and Vehicles, and to establish general rules of the road for the City of South Fulton. **(Willis – Ord 2017-018)**

**No vote was taken.**

Mayor Pro Tem Rowell requested the Procurement office to begin developing a citywide RFP for an authorized wrecker service. Councilmember Gumbs requested the City Attorney's office to include a provision for abandoned cars to be towed at the owner's expense, when a car is abandoned on a public road.

- iii. **[SECOND READING]** Ordinance granting permission and consent to Coweta-Fayette EMC (a franchise agreement). **(Ord2017-019)**

**No vote was taken.**

- iv. **[SECOND READING]** Ordinance relating to mortgages, conveyances to secure debt, and liens; to provide for definitions; to provide for guidelines for vacant and foreclosed property registries; to provide for exemptions; to provide for maximum fees and penalties for registration and failure to register; to provide for appellate rights; to provide for severability; to provide an effective date; to repeal all ordinance and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; and for other purposes. **(Rowell – Ord2017-020)**

**No vote was taken.**

Mayor Edwards requested the City Attorney's office to incorporate within this proposed Ordinance a rental properties

inspection program. Councilmember Jackson recommended having an annual registration fee, instead of a one-time fee.

- v. **[SECOND READING]** Adoption of Financial Policy Ordinance and Amendment to existing Ordinances No. 2017-003 and 2017-007. **(Rowell and Gilyard – Ord2017-021)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Willis and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve Ord2017-021 as amended by Councilmember Gilyard. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

- vi. **[SECOND READING]** Adoption of Debt Policy Ordinance. **(Rowell – Ord2017-022)**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Gilyard to adopt/approve Ord2017-022 as amended by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell, thereby changing the ceiling for the debt ratio from 4.0% to 10% which is in line with Georgia law. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

- vii. **[SECOND READING]** Ordinance to amend existing ordinance no. 2017-003 for transparency in Mayoral and City Manager appointments. **(khalid – Ord2017-024)**

A motion was made by Councilmember khalid and seconded by Councilmember Gilyard to adopt/approve Ord2017-024, with a friendly amendment by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell to change “jail sentences” to Municipal Courts, and to set the effective date as September 14, 2017. The friendly amendments were accepted. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

9. Unfinished Business

- a. Resolution adopting the Official Seal for the City of South Fulton. **(Baker – Res2017-041, approved on August 22, 2017, and vetoed on August 25, 2017)**

**WITHDRAWN**

**Councilmember Baker requested to withdraw the vetoed Resolution and he expressed his interest to conduct town hall forums within each of the Council districts to provide for public comment/opinion regarding the seal as proposed.**

10. City Manager's Weekly Update
  - a. Communications Strategy
  - b. BidNet Direct

**A motion was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Councilmember Gilyard to allow the HR Director to complete the executive search process, without the need to hire a firm. Councilmembers Willis, Gilyard, khalid and Baker voted yea. Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and Councilmembers Gumbs and Jackson voted no. Therefore, the motion passed, 4-3-0.**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Willis and seconded by Councilmember Gumbs to rescind the previous action. Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and Councilmembers Gumbs, Willis, **Gilyard** and Jackson voted yea. Councilmembers ~~Gilyard~~, khalid and Baker voted no. Therefore, the motion passed, ~~4-3-0~~ **5-2-0**, and the previous motion was rescinded.**

**A motion was made by Councilmember khalid and seconded by Councilmember Baker to separate-out the City Manager executive search process from the executive search process for the position of Police Chief. Councilmembers Willis, khalid and Baker voted yea. Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and Councilmembers Gumbs, Gilyard and Jackson voted no. Therefore, the motion failed, 3-4-0.**

11. Mayor and City Council Comments (Two minutes each)

**All City Councilmembers made announcements or statements regarding activities within their respective districts or within the City.**

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12. Executive Session, if necessary

**IN OPEN SESSION:**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell to close the Regular Meeting for an Executive Session regarding personnel. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0. The executive session began at 10:12pm.**

**Following the Executive Session, a motion was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell to close the Executive Session and adjourn the City Council Meeting at 10:55pm. Mayor Edwards, Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and Councilmembers khalid and Baker voted yea. Therefore, the motion to adjourn passed, 4-0-0.**

13. Adjournment

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:55pm.**